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SUBJECT: FY 77 NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN

REF: (A) STATE 139804; (B) STATE 123512

1. IN CONSIDERING FY 77 NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN GUIDANCE WE HAVE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED NARCOTICS COOPERATION PROGRAMS PURSUED IN ROMANIA OVER PAST FOUR YEARS. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT MODEST PROGRAMS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN CONSTITUTE NECESSARY FIRST STEP IN ESTABLISHING BASIS FOR BROADER COOPERATION WE SEEK. WITH FULL APPRECIATION FOR SERIOUSNESS OF NARCOTICS CONTROL PROBLEM WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT, DESPITE LESS THAN SATISFACTORY ROMANIAN RESPONSE, WE SHOULD PERSEVERE IN ATTEMPTS TO STRUCTURE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP.

2. WHILE WE ARE CONVINCED OF VALIDITY OF OUR EFFORTS TO INCREASE BILATERAL COLLABORATION, WE FIND IT EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY IT IN TERMS OF NCAP FORMAT. BASIC ELEMENTS OF SITUATION IN ROMANIA -- LIMITED CHARACTER OF PROBLEM AND ALMOST COMPLETE UNAVAILABILITY OF DATA -- DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO FORMULATION OF MEANINGFUL COUNTRY PLAN. TO AMPLIFY, WE CANNOT MAINTAIN THERE IS SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM OF KIND SET FORTH IN PARA III OF REFTTEL A. MOREOVER, WE UNABLE TO PROVIDE DATE FOR ANNEXES I-IV OF A 2665 AND FOR MOST SPECIFIC INDICATORS SINCE ROMANIANS HAVE NOT RELEASED INFO, IF IN FACT THEY HAVE COLLECTED IT.

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3. AS SUBSTITUTE FOR NCAP WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING SET

OF ACTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD CONSTITUTE REALISTIC FY 77
PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF U.S. INTERESTS:

A. SEEK ROMANIAN AGREEMENT TO HOST TWO-WEEK CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT COURSE.

B. ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY 2 OR 3 ROMANIAN OFFICIALS
IN CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (MID-MANAGEMENT) COURSE OR, ALTERNATIVELY,
PARTICIPATION BY HIGH LEVEL ROMANIAN CUSTOMS OFFICER IN CUSTOMS
EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM.

C. PROMOTE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTIONALIZED COOPERATION
BETWEEN DEA VIENNA OFFICE AND ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES.

D. FOSTER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND
ENFORCEMENT THROUGH PROVISION OF DEA/CUSTOMS DATA REGARDING
DIMENSION AND CHARACTER OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN EASTERN EUROPE.

E. ENCOURAGE FULLER ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL
NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

4. WE HOPE WE WILL HAVE SUPPORT OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES FOR
PROGRAM OUTLINED IN PARA 3. IF THERE ARE SIGNS OF MORE
RESPONSIVE GOR ATTITUDE OVER COMING MONTHS WE TRUST WE
WOULD HAVE OPTION OF SEEKING INCREASED LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES.
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